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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 3, 2000, 1999 having a shortened statutory period for response expiring on June 3, 2000, extended until September 3, 2000, being a Sunday, is extended until September 4, 2000, being a Federal Holiday (Labor Day), is extended until September 5, 2000, and for which a petition for a three month extension of time is attached hereto, kindly consider the following Argument in support of patentability of the instant invention.